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(WASHINGTON) – Today Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) delivered a speech on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives outlining why health insurance reform means stable costs and secure choices for every American.

Video of the speech can be found [here](#) . Here is the statement as delivered:

“Those with and without health insurance share something in common – they both lack stability and security when it comes to coverage, costs and quality of their health care.

“Every day Americans are forced into tough decisions and circumstances that lead them to lose their health care. As the President mentioned last night, on average 14,000 Americans a day are losing their health care.

“Health insurance reform means stable coverage that can’t be taken away. If your spouse is laid off or changes jobs you won’t lose your coverage. If you or your family or co-worker gets sick, you won’t pay more or lose your coverage. With health insurance reform, no one is able to get between you and your doctor. It will keep government out of health care decisions, allowing you to keep the coverage you have today if you want it.

“Stability has been missing from our health care system for decades and as we work to get our economy moving again now is the time to fix it.

“The proposed health insurance reform bill builds upon what works and fixes what’s broken. My constituents strongly want, need and deserve a more stable and secure health care system and that’s what we need to fight to do.”

– Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3)

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